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## **II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A utility table comprising:

a blow-molded table top having a first end, a second end, a top surface and a bottom surface extending between the first end and the second end, the blow-molded table top comprising:

a lip extending outwardly from the bottom surface, the lip having an interior surface, and outer surface, and a bottom surface;

a first connecting aperture formed in the interior surface of the lip near the first end of the table top; and

a plurality of grooves formed in the lip;

a first table leg having a first end and a second end; and

a first cross pole having opposing ends, the first cross pole being connected to the first end of the first table leg, a first end of the first cross pole being is at least partially disposed in the first connecting aperture, the plurality of grooves abutting the first end of the first cross pole.

2-23. (Cancelled)

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24. (Currently Amended) A table comprising:

a leg movable between an extended position and a collapsed position;

a cross pole connected to the leg;

a sleeve, the sleeve receiving a portion of the cross pole; and

a table top including a top portion, a bottom portion, a hollow interior portion and a lip extending from the bottom portion, the lip including a receiving portion and at least one inwardly extending portion, the receiving portion receiving at least a portion of the sleeve, the at least one inwardly extending portion abutting a portion of the sleeve;

wherein the at least one inwardly extending portion comprises a plurality of spaced apart grooves abutting a plurality of a spaced apart portions of the sleeve.

25. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 24, wherein the receiving portion is at least partially formed in an interior portion of the lip; and wherein the at least one inwardly extending portion is at least partially formed in an exterior portion of the lip.

26. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 24, wherein the sleeve is configured to engage the at least one inwardly extending portion.

27. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 24, wherein the sleeve receives at least a portion of the inwardly extending portion.

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28. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 24, wherein the receiving portion is at least partially formed in an interior portion of the lip; and wherein the at least one inwardly extending portion is at least partially formed in a bottom portion of the lip.

29. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 24, wherein the at least one inwardly extending portion comprises at least one groove.

**Please cancel Claim 30.**

31. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 24, wherein the sleeve further includes an outwardly extending portion sized and configured to limit the movement of the sleeve relative to the lip.

32. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 31, wherein the outwardly extending portion comprises a peripheral flange.

33. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 24, wherein the sleeve further includes a flange sized and configured to abut a portion of the lip.

34. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 24, wherein the cross pole is connected to an end of the leg.

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35. (Previously Presented) A table comprising:

- a leg movable between an extended position and a collapsed position;
- a cross pole connected to the leg;
- a first sleeve receiving at least a portion of the cross pole;
- a second sleeve receiving at least a portion of the first sleeve; and
- a table top including a top portion, a bottom portion, a hollow interior portion and a lip extending from the bottom portion, the lip including a first receiving portion and a second receiving portion, the first receiving portion receiving at least a portion of the first sleeve, the second receiving portion receiving at least a portion of the second sleeve.

36. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 35, wherein the first receiving portion is at least partially formed in an interior portion of the lip; and wherein the second receiving portion is at least partially formed in an exterior portion of the lip.

37. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 35, wherein the second sleeve receives at least a portion of the cross pole.

38. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 35, wherein the first sleeve and the second sleeve are slidably coupled.

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39. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 35, wherein the first sleeve includes a flange sized and configured to abut an interior portion of the lip; and wherein the second sleeve includes a flange sized and configured to abut an exterior portion of the lip.

40. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 35, wherein the lip further includes at least one inwardly extending portion abutting a portion of the first sleeve.

41. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 35, wherein the lip further includes at least one inwardly extending portion abutting a portion of the second sleeve.

42. (Currently Amended) A table comprising:

a leg movable between an extended position and a collapsed position;

a cross pole connected to the leg; and

a table top including a top portion, a bottom portion, a hollow interior portion and a lip extending from the bottom portion, the lip including a receiving portion and a plurality of inwardly extending portions, the receiving portion receiving at least a portion of ~~a~~ the sleeve, the plurality of inwardly extending portions abutting a plurality of spaced apart portions of the cross pole.

43. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 42, wherein the receiving portion is at least partially formed in an interior portion of the lip; and wherein the plurality of inwardly extending portions are at least partially formed in a bottom portion of the lip.

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44. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in Claim 42, wherein the receiving portion is at least partially formed in an interior portion of the lip; wherein at least one of the plurality of inwardly extending portions is at least partially formed in a bottom portion of the lip; and wherein at least one of the plurality of inwardly extending portions is at least partially formed in an exterior portion of the lip.